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SUBJECT: BANGLADESH FLOOD SITUATION

REF : STATE 160378

1. DURING PAST WEEK, WIDESPREAD HEAVY RAIN THROUGHOUT BANGLADESH AND HIMALAYAN BASE IN INDIA CREATING HEAVY FLOODING, IN SOME CASES NEAR RECORD LEVELS, THROUGHOUT BRAHMAPUTRA GANGA RIVER SYSTEM (VARIOUSLY CALLED JAMUNA, GANGES, PADMA AND MEGHNA AS RIVER TRACKS SOUTHWARD).

2. ACCORDING WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD ON MONDAY AUGUST 13TH, MOST RIVERS REGISTERED FALL IN WATER LEVELS OR REMAINING STATIC. WORST HIT AREA CHANDPUR SUBDIVISION OF COMILLA DISTRICT WHICH BADLY STRICKEN BY EROSION OF MEGHNA BANKS. ACCORDING DAILY NEWSPAPERS, SEVERAL THOUSAND FAMILIES IN 11 UNIONS OF CHANDPUR AFFECTED, 200 ACRES OF LAND ERODED AND 2400 FEET OF WAPDA EMBANKMENT WASHED AWAY.

3. IT TOO EARLY COMMENT ON CROP DAMAGE NATIONWIDE, BUT IF WATER RECEDES RAPIDLY WIDESPREAD DESTRUCTION OF STANDING CROPS EXPECTED TO BE MINIMAL - MUCH LESS THAN CURRENTLY BEING CLAIMED BY LOCAL DAILY PAPERS.

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4. MINISTRY RELIEF AND REHABILITATION, DISASTER

COORDINATION CENTER INFORMED USCOR THAT OVERALL
ASSESSMENT FLOOD SITUATION NATIONWIDE CURRENTLY
UNDERWAY. MINISTRY FURTHER REPORTS THAT GENERAL RELIEF
CASH AND WHEAT ALREADY BEING DISTRIBUTED TO WORST HIT
AREAS. IN SHORT, SITUATION UNDER CONTROL AT PRESENT
TIME.

5. USCOR WILL PROVIDE AID/W FURTHER INFORMATION
IF SITUATION DETERIORATES IN SUBSEQUENT DAYS.
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